

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method for suctioning a boundary layer at a surface of an aircraft having an air-conditioning system, the air conditioning system having an air mixer unit, for supplying a pressurized aircraft cabin with conditioned air, and at whose flow-critical points of the surface, the surface has multiple suction openings ~~[[are]]~~ provided for ~~[[the]]~~ boundary layer suctioning of suction air, the method comprising the steps of:

feeding ~~a an~~ air quantity of the suction air ~~suctioned from the surface~~ to the air mixer unit of the air-conditioning system of the aircraft to reduce flow losses; and

feeding a portion of the cabin air to the air mixer unit such that the portion of the cabin air is returned into the air-conditioning system via the mixer unit and is mixed with the quantity of the suction air to form a mixture prior to discharging the mixture to the cabin.

~~discharging the air quantity suctioned to the atmosphere together with the exhaust air of the air-conditioning system via an outlet of the air-conditioning system.~~

2. (Cancel)

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4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~[[3]]~~, further comprising the step of:

feeding the ~~[[air]]~~ quantity of the suction air ~~suctioned~~ to a line connection assigned to ~~an~~ ~~[[the]]~~ unpressurized line region without artificial pressure.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

bringing the ~~air~~ quantity of the suction air ~~suctioned~~ to cabin pressure before introducing the ~~[[air]]~~ quantity of the suction air into ~~a cabin region of the aircraft cabin~~.

6 (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

adjusting at least one of a temperature and a humidity of the suction air quantity ~~suctioned~~ in the air-conditioning system.

7. (Currently amended) A device for suctioning and treating suction air from a boundary layer at a surface of an aircraft having an air-conditioning system for conditioning cabin air of a pressurized cabin of the aircraft, the device comprising: ~~by using suction openings for boundary layer suctioning, the openings being positioned at flow-critical points of the surface, the device comprising:~~

openings positioned at flow-critical points of the surface;

a recirculation line;

a duct system and an exhaust; and

an air mixer unit, wherein the duct system feeds couples the air mixer unit and the openings and the suction air an air quantity suctioned from the openings of the surface of the aircraft to the air mixer unit, and the recirculation line is coupled to the air mixer unit, such that a portion of cabin air is returned to the mixer unit from the cabin of the aircraft adjusting temperature and humidity of a mixture including the suction air and the portion of cabin air prior to the discharge of the mixture into the cabin. air-conditioning system of the aircraft to reduce flow losses; and

~~wherein the exhaust is adapted such that the air quantity suctioned exits to the atmosphere together with the exhaust air of the air-conditioning system via an outlet.~~

8. (Cancel)

9. (Currently amended) The device of claim 7, further comprising:

a compression unit[[;]] wherein the compression unit is integrated into the duct system such that [[and]] the suction air quantity suctioned is brought to cabin pressure by the compression unit before introduction of the suction air into the air mixer unit of the air-conditioning system.

10. (Currently amended) The device of claim 7,

wherein the suction openings are positioned in a flow-critical region of a wing assembly surface or a tail assembly surface.

11. (Original) The device of claim 7, further comprising:

a suction source;

wherein the duct system is connected to the suction source for generating a suction effect required for the suctioning.